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JUNE, 1858.

Twenty-Fourth Anniversary Meeting of the Statistical Society.
Session 1857-58.

[Held at the Rooms of the Society, 12, St. James's Square, London, on Monday,
15th March, 1858.]

RIGHT HON. HOLT MACKENZIE, *Vice-President, in the Chair.*

MR. NEWMARCH, one of the Honorary Secretaries, read the following Report of the Council on the Progress of the Society during the past year:—

Report of the Council for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1857, and for the Sessional Year ended March, 1858.

THE Council have the satisfaction of again commencing their Annual Report by an announcement of the favourable character of the condition and prospects of the Society.

The Number of Fellows has been maintained notwithstanding the losses sustained by Resignations, and—during the last year—by the occurrence of a more than usual number of Deaths. At the present time, the Society consists of 367 Fellows, of whom 296 are Annual Subscribers, and 71 have compounded for their subscriptions.

The Balance Sheets annexed to this Report, and duly certified by the Auditors, will show the Receipts and Expenditure of the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1857, and the Assets and Liabilities of the Society as nearly as it was practically necessary to ascertain them at the end of that year. Leaving out of view the Balance at the Banker's, at the commencement and close of 1857,

the Total Receipts of the Year were 870*l.*, and the Total Expenditure 755*l.*, showing, therefore, a Surplus on the Year of 115*l.*; and, in point of fact, the Balance of 168*l.* in the hands of the Bankers at the close of 1857 is a larger Balance than the Society has possessed for a very long period. The outstanding Liabilities brought over into 1858 contain no other than the usual items;—the largest item (65*l.*) relating to the cost of the December (1857) *Journal*, and since paid. The sums of 400*l.* and 200*l.* in the Assets, representing an estimated value of the Books in the Library and of the stock of Journals in hand, are inserted on this occasion for the first time. The property represented by these entries is clearly part of the Assets of the Society.

The Council have at all times watched with vigilance the financial condition of the Society; and they are more than ever sensible of the importance of so fostering and husbanding its resources that it may be able to pursue energetically and independently, and free from the necessity of urging solicitations for special pecuniary aid, the objects to which it is devoted.

With the view of increasing the regular income from the sale of the *Journal*, arrangements have been made for the annexation to each Number, of Advertisements relating to public Companies, books, or other matters not opposed to the character of the *Journal* itself; and the Council would ask the assistance of the Fellows in extending this useful and legitimate mode of increasing the value of the Society's official organ, and the resources available for its general objects.

With the close of last year (1857) there were completed Twenty Volumes of the *Journal*, and the arrival of such an epoch in the history of the publication seemed to be a fitting occasion on which to endeavour to introduce such improvements in the arrangement, appearance, and adjustment of the ordinary contents of each Number as the experience of twenty years had suggested. Accordingly, in the First Part of the Twenty-First Volume just issued, some changes have been made of the character alluded to. They were not intended to be extensive; but it is believed that they will have the effect of promoting those great ends of clearness and distinctness;—in themselves no mean object with the careful investigator of statistical evidence.

The Monthly Meetings during the twelve months now ended have fully maintained the high character which has so long attached to the public proceedings of the Society. The attendance of Fellows and Visitors has, on several of the occasions, exceeded the attendance of former Sessions.

The following is a List of the Papers which have been read:—

Dr. Farr.—On the Pay of Ministers of the Crown.

Mr. Samuel Brown.—On the Progress of Fire Insurance in Great Britain as compared with Foreign Countries.

Mr. Hendriks.—On the Land-Tax Statistics of England, and on the Political Arithmetic of the Early Period of its Settlement.

Mr. Newmarch.—On the Electoral Statistics of Counties and Boroughs in England and Wales, 1832-53.

Mr. Samuel Brown.—Report of the Proceedings of the International Statistical Congress, held at Vienna in September, 1857.

Dr. Guy.—On the Annual Fluctuations in the Number of Deaths from various Diseases compared with the Fluctuations in Crime, and in other Events within and beyond the Control of the Human Will.

Col. Sykes.—On Public Works in India.

Mr. Newmarch.—On the History of Prices in 1857.

The proceedings of Section (F), Economic Science and Statistics, at the Dublin Meeting of the British Association in August last, were quite as efficient and satisfactory as at any of those more recent Meetings at which the proceedings of Section (F) have assumed an importance not previously attained. The President of the Section was his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin (Dr. Whateley).

The Society has already received from Mr. Samuel Brown a Report of the proceedings of the International Statistical Congress held at Vienna under the auspices of the Austrian Government in September last; and that Report, accompanied by two official papers by Dr. Farr, is inserted in the Number of the *Journal* just issued. Under a *special sanction* accorded by the Board of Trade, Mr. Fonblanque and Dr. Farr were authorized to invite the Congress to hold its next meeting in London; and, accordingly, in August or September next year (1859) the Fellows of this Society will have the gratification of welcoming in London the learned and distinguished persons from all parts of Europe, whose presence at the Meetings of the Congress has conferred upon the proceedings of that Body an interest and importance of the highest order. The Council are led to believe that, in whatever arrangements may be made by Her Majesty's Government for the reception of the Congress, it will be regarded as a fundamental condition that this Society—the parent, in a great measure, of systematic statistical research in this country and elsewhere—shall hold a prominent place.

The Committee on Beneficent Institutions, already referred to in the two last Annual Reports, has continued its labours during

the past year, and notwithstanding difficulties which have not unnaturally arisen in dealing with so large and complex a field of inquiry as the various classes of eleemosynary institutions in the Metropolis, progress has been made towards the preparation of a Second Report on a plan even more elaborate than the First.

The Council have had to deplore the loss by death, during the past year, of several of our earliest and most faithful friends and fellow-workers.

In Earl Fitzwilliam we have to lament the loss of a nobleman who, as one of the Founders of the Society, and thrice its President, is to be regarded as one of those Members of the Highest Chamber of the Legislature upon whose minds there was produced, at an early period, a profound impression of the necessity for sound statistical evidence as a primary condition in the forming of general measures of legislation.

By the death of Mr. Charles Hindley, M.P. for Ashton-under-Lyne, the Society has also lost an early and staunch friend. Mr. W. D. Oswald was for some time an Honorary Secretary of the Society.

But the deepest loss of all has occurred within a very short time of the presentation of this Report by the death of our venerable Vice-President Mr. Tooke. To the influence and efforts of Mr. Tooke, and to the example of his writings, the Society is most especially indebted for the vigour and success which marked its early establishment: and certainly there is no one connected with the Society who has attended to it more assiduously, and watched over it more closely for so long a time than the distinguished chief and coadjutor whom we now lament. It will require the lapse of time to reconcile the Members of the Council and the Fellows of the Society to the discontinuance at our meetings of a presence which had become so familiar; and it may be long before the Society can again have the advantage of adding to its ranks a man so justly distinguished for every quality which can give weight to his example, his precepts, and his opinions.

Dr. Truman moved, and Mr. Edward Osborne Smith seconded, the Adoption of the Report, together with the Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure, and the Balance Sheet of Assets and Liabilities.

Mr. Tayler adverted to certain points mentioned in the Report, on which explanations were given by the Council.

A Ballot was then taken for the President, Council, and Officers for the ensuing twelvemonths, and the following was declared to be the List:—

COUNCIL AND OFFICERS FOR 1858-59.

President.

Right Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P.

Council.

Charles Babbage, M.A., F.R.S.
James Bird, M.D.
Sir John P. Boileau, Bart., F.R.S.
Samuel Brown
Edward Cheshire
William Farr, M.D., F.R.S.
Viscount Ebrington, M.P.
Albany Fonblanque
Rt. Hon. Wm. Ewart Gladstone, M.P.
James William Gilbart, F.R.S.
Francis Henry Goldsmid, Q.C.
William Augustus Guy, M.B.
Rt. Hon. the Earl of Harrowby
Bernard Hebler
Frederick Hendriks
James Heywood, F.R.S.

William Barwick Hodge
Thomas Hodgkin, M.D.
Robert Hunt, F.R.S.
William Golden Lumley
Rt. Hon. Holt Mackenzie, F.R.G.S.
Richard Monckton Milnes, M.P., D.C.L.
William Newmarch
Rt. Hon. Sir J. S. Pakington, Bart., M.P.
Rt. Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P.
Colonel W. H. Sykes, M.P., F.R.S.
John William Tottie
Col. Sir A. M. Tulloch, K.C.B.
Richard Valpy
Lord Harry George Vane, M.P.
Wm. Arthur Wilkinson

The names of the New Members of the Council are placed in Italic.

Treasurer.

William Farr, M.D., F.R.S.

Honorary Secretaries.

William Newmarch | William A. Guy, M.B. | W. G. Lumley

Dr. Camps moved, and Mr. Leone Levi seconded, a vote of thanks to the retiring President, Council, and Officers.

Mr. Hendriks moved, and Sir John P. Boileau seconded, a vote of thanks to the Chairman, after which the Meeting separated.

The following is the Report of the Auditors, (Mr. Hodge, Dr. Finch, and Mr. Sowray,) on the statement of Receipts, &c. :—

“The Auditors, appointed to examine the Accounts of the Statistical Society for the year 1857, herewith report:—

“That they have carefully compared the Entries in the Books, with the several Vouchers for the same, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1857, and find them perfectly correct; showing the Receipts (including a Balance of 55*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* from 1856,) to have been 924*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*, and the Payments 755*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, leaving a Balance in favour of the Society of 168*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* They have also had laid before them an Estimate made by the Council of the Assets and Liabilities of the Society; the former amounting to 1,756*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*, and the latter to 122*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.*,—showing a Balance in favour of the Society of 1,634*l.* 10*s.*, and they have every reason to believe the Estimate to be a correct one.

C. FINCH
W. B. HODGE,
G. SOWRAY, } *Auditors.”*

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1857, AND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ON 31st DECEMBER, 1857.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from 31st December, 1856, viz.:—			Rent (5 quarters)	112	10 0
Cash at Bankers £59 10 11	59	10 11	Salaries	180	0 0
Less Petty Cash overdrawn 4 5 9	4	5 9	Printing Journal	248	12 6
			Advertising	22	8 6
Dividends	55	5 2	Library	23	6 1
Subscriptions—277 for 1857 at £2 2s. £581 14 -	581	14 -	Index and Catalogue	6	14 -
Arrears—14 at £2 2s. 29 8 -	29	8 -	Stationery and Sundry Printing	39	13 9
			Postage	9	7 4
Compositions—4 at £21	84	-	Incidental Expenses	14	6 7
Journal Sales	120	2 8	Ordinary Meetings	18	6 5
Advertisements in Journal	28	5 -	Fire and Light	13	6 6
			Office Furniture	8	3 -
			Special Outlays (Committee on Beneficent Institutions)	68	17 -
			Balance carried to 1858, viz.:—		
			Cash at Bankers £168 19 8		
			Less Petty Cash overdrawn - 8 1		
				168	16 7
				£924	8 3
LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Printing Journal, December, 1857	64	18 6	Cash Balance	168	16 7
Stationery and Sundry Printing	14	4 4	Investments—		
Lighting	2	8 3	3 per Cent. Consols, £328 15s. 4d., cost £300		
Index to Catalogue	7	6 6	New 3 per Cents., £567 17s. -d., " 567		
Miscellaneous	7	13 3		867	- -
Advertising December Journal	5	2 3	Property—Books in Library £400		
Printing for Committee on Beneficent Institutions	20	13 6	Journals in Stock 200		
			Furniture 100		
				700	- -
Balance in favour of Society	122	6 7	Arrears recoverable	21	- -
				£1,756	16 7